I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate has been very important to (district/school) because it has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, communicate and collaborate, and develop the 21st century skills necessary for college and career. However, E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with my school district's bandwidth needs. I urge you to raise the E-Rate funding level to at least $5 billion per year, which is close to the average demand level for each of the past two years.
I would like to see the E-rate program expanded to provide more services. As I work to add bandwidth and prepare for the PARCC assessment, I rely on the E-rate program. Several of my projects have been denied because of a lack of funding for an 80% school district. My district is working towards a 1:1 program but worry about the connections.

I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-rate program to meet the demand for both Priority 1 and Priority 2 funding. Thanks.